Statement

Types of Basic Facilities to be provided at Freight Terminals

Goods sheds generally should have certain basic features, which will help reduce wagon turn around and facilitate quicker material handling at the terminal. These basic features are listed below:

1. Spurs of full rake length capacity.
2. Direct entry and dispatch facility for the rake to be admitted from or dispatched to the main lines.
3. Adequate and proper circulating area for the movement of road vehicles.
4. Adequate and proper approach roads.
5. Adequate lighting to facilitate round the clock working.
6. Parking space for trucks.
7. Proper platforms and platform surfaces depending on the nature of commodity being handled. These will include infrastructural facilities for handling of crane consignments and loose commodities.
8. Covered platforms depending on the nature of commodity being handled.
9. Proper drainage.
10. Proper storage facilities/warehousing.
11. Proper offices and waiting halls.
12. Communication facilities from the control offices to the freight terminals.
13. Facilities for labour involved in material handling.

Constraints like availability of land etc. may hamper provision of all facilities listed above.

Concession in freight rate on salt

3307. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concession has been given in the freight rate on salt during this budget;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether any proposal is under consideration of Government to reduce the freight rate on salt to benefit the people in general and salt industries in particular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Doubling of Gooty-Renigunta rail line

3308. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:
SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the doubling of Gooty-Renigunta balance section has already been taken up and is in incomplete stage;

(b) if so, the specific reasons for incompletion of the Gooty-Renigunta balance section; and

(c) by when the above work would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The doubling of balance section on Gooty-Renigunta is under implementation by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL). The contracts of various works have been awarded in 2006-07 with a completion period of 30/36 months.

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